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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

REFERENCE: STATE 171713

1. AS INDICATED REFTTEL, IFAD'S PREPARATORY COMMISSION HAS NOW COMPLETED ALL PREPARATIONS NECESSARY FOR THE CONVENING OF THE FIRST GOVERNING COUNCIL. SIX CATEGORY I, SIX CATEGORY II, AND TWENTY-FOUR CATEGORY III RATIFICATIONS ARE NECESSARY FOR THE AGREEMENT TO COME INTO FORCE; ADDITIONALLY, THE SUM OF CATEGORY I AND II RATIFICATIONS MUST TOTAL AT LEAST DOL 750 MILLION. THE HOPE IS, HOWEVER, THAT THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF IFAD MEMBERS WILL RATIFY AND ATTEND THE FIRST GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING WHICH IS INTENDED TO BE HELD NO LATER THAN EARLY DECEMBER.

2. ALTHOUGH THE PREPCOM WAS UNABLE TO APPROVE FINAL TEXTS OF SUCH ITEMS AS THE RELATIONSHIP AGREEMENTS WITH COOPERATING INSTITUTIONS, DRAFT PERSONNEL MANUAL, AND FINANCIAL GUIDELINES, THE PREPCOM HAS GIVEN GUIDANCE TO THE SECRETARIAT WHICH SHOULD ENABLE IT TO FINALIZE THESE PROPOSALS TO THE GOVERNING COUNCIL AND/OR EXECUTIVE BOARD IN A MANNER SATISFACTORY TO ALL. ONE ISSUE, MULTIPLE VICE PRESIDENTS, WAS DISCUSSED PRIMARILY OUTSIDE THE PLENARY. IT IS A

QUESTION WHICH SERIOUSLY CONCERNS US.

3. AS WE PREPARE FOR THE GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING AND THE DEPOSIT OF OUR INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION WE WISH TO EXPRESS TO CATEGORY I COUNTRIES SOME OF OUR CONCERNS ON THIS AND OTHER OUTSTANDING ISSUES.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSIES SHOULD APPROACH APPRO-
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PRIATE OFFICIALS IN CATEGORY I GOVERNMENTS USING THE FOLLOWING TALKING POINTS. YOU MAY WISH TO LEAVE THESE POINTS AS AN AIDE MEMO-RE:

-- THE UNITED STATES LOOKS FORWARD TO THE FIRST GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT. AS WE PREPARE FOR THIS MEETING WE WISH TO SHARE WITH YOU OUR VIEWS ON SOME OF THE OUTSTANDING ISSUES WHICH WE BELIEVE ARE IMPORTANT AND SHOULD BE RESOLVED STATISFACTORILY IF THE FUND IS TO OPERATE SUCCESSFULLY WITH CONTINUED STRONG INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT.

-- WE BELIEVE IFAD SHOULD RELY TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT ON THE SERVICES OF EXISTING INSTITUTIONS, THUS ENABLING THE FUND TO OPERATE WITH A SMALL TECHNICALLY PROFICIENT STAFF AND TO AVOID DUPLICATION WITH EXISTING INSTITUTIONS OR CREATION OF A LARGE NEW BUREAUCRACY. CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS WAS MADE AT THE LAST PREPARATORY MEETING ON THE STAFFING ISSUE. WE HOPE THAT PROGRESS ON THIS ISSUE WILL BE CONTINUED AS WE WORK TOWARD FINAL AGREEMENT THIS FALL.

-- WE ARE PREPARED TO SUPPORT THE CANDIDACY OF AMBASSADOR AL-SUDEARY OF SAUDI ARABIA FOR THE PRESIDENCY OF IFAD ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT HE WILL APPOINT HIS VICE PRESIDENT FROM CATEGORY I. THIS POINT IS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT TO THE UNITED STATES BECAUSE CATEGORY I COUNTRIES GAVE 57 PERCENT OF IFAD'S RESOURCES. SINCE THE UNITED STATES IS THE LARGEST CONTRIBUTOR TO THE FUND, WE BELIEVE THAT AN AMERICAN VICE PRESIDENT IS APPROPRIATE.

-- WE ARE DEEPLY CONCERNED WITH THE SUGGESTION BEING PROPOSED BY SOME THAT IFAD SHOULD HAVE MULTIPLE VICE PRESIDENTS. WE BELIEVE MORE THAN ONE VICE PRESIDENT WOULD BE INCONSISTENT WITH THE ABOVE UNDERSTANDING, WITH THE AGREED CONCEPT OF IFAD AS A SMALL AND LEAN ORGANIZATION, AND WITH THE ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT. FURTHER, IT WOULD

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CREATE THE WRONG KIND OF IMAGE AND PROVOKE LEGISLATIVE CRITICISM THAT WOULD JEOPARDIZE FUTURE REPLENISHMENTS.

-- WE HAVE RECENTLY REITERATED THESE POINTS TO AMBASSADOR AL-SUDEARY. WE HOPE OTHER CATEGORY I COUNTRIES SHARE OUR VIEWS ON THESE ISSUES AND THAT THEY WILL ALSO MAKE THEM KNOWN TO AMBASSADOR AL-SUDEARY. CHRISTOPHER

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